

the pier. This arrangement, which is necessary only at low tide, causes no inconvenience to shippers and the work of the Port is proceeding in a normal manner. There are marked indications that the mud deposited at and near the pier will disappear in time when the littoral current becomes stronger at a later season in the year. It was also considered that artificial interference in the shape of dredging operations was not necessary or desirable at present. Quite recently the position has improved considerably. Remedial measures will be undertaken if and when nature has failed to establish the *status quo ante*.

Salt used in Alleppey.

2. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing separately the total quantity of salt consumed in Alleppey and the quantity of local salt consumed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No information is available as regards the quantity used as a whole in Alleppey. It may however be stated that the quantity of salt issued for consumption from the Alleppey Depot during 1103 was 49⁵/₁₀₀,528 maunds, of which 153,064 maunds was local salt.

Principle adopted in the Recruitment of Munsiffs.

3. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the High Court has chosen any principle regarding communal claims in recommending the appointment of Munsiffs?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. In regard to Munsiffs recruited from the Bar, communal representation is also taken into consideration in so far as it does not impair efficiency.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): എഫിഷ്യൻസി നിർണ്ണയിക്കുന്നതിന് വല്ല തോതും നശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Examination qualification is the test that is generally applied.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയും പുറമെ എഫിഷ്യൻസി നിർണ്ണയിക്കുന്നതിന് വല്ല തോതും വച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is usually the test that is applied.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ടെസ്റ്റ് ചെയ്യുന്നതാരാണ്?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The superior officers concerned.

Extent of Puduval Lands registered to certain Communities in the Kottayam and Devicolum Divisions.

4. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total extent of *puduval* lands

registered in the Kottayam and Devicolum Divisions in 1101, 1102 and 1103 in the names of each of the following communities, viz., Nayers, Christians, Ezhavas and Europeans?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information is not available as no register is maintained in Taluk Offices showing the communities to which the persons to whom lands are assigned belong.

Need for a Bridge across the Periyar at Alwaye.

5. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware that the presence of the Alwaye Union College on the Parur side of Alwaye and the increased and increasing motor traffic between Alwaye and other places on the southern bank of the Periyar and the Parur mainland have rendered a bridge across the southern bank of the Periyar near the site of the present ferry an absolute necessity; and

(b) whether they have ever received any representations from the public in the matter of this bridge and what action they have taken or propose to take in the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The attention of the Government has been drawn to the necessity for the bridge.

(b) Yes. But since it is an expensive bridge, the question of its construction can be considered only after the Neendakara bridge is completed.

Bridge at Vadakkekara, Parur.

6. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) what action they have taken in the matter of putting up a bridge near the Muthakunnam temple across the channel between Muthakunnam and the Vadakkekara mainland;

(b) whether they are aware that four to five hundred students studying in the Vernacular Schools for boys and girls and in the English Middle School located at Muthakunnam have to cross and re-cross the said channel daily by means of the ferry boat at the Kuriyapalli ferry situated nearly a furlong from Muthakunnam and that this passage to and fro is often attended with danger in the rainy seasons; and

(c) whether they will, in view of the fact mentioned in part (b), be pleased to consider the question of the speedy construction of the bridge?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) An estimate for a bridge has been called for.

(b) Yes.

(c) This will be considered after the estimate is received.